

REMARKS

In paragraph 3 of the final Action, claim 2 was objected to. In view of the objection, claim 2 has been amended.

In paragraph 5 of the final Action, claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer in view of JP 2002-106519. In paragraph 8 of the final Action, claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer. In paragraph 9 of the Action, however, claims 6-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

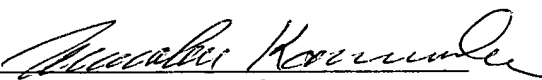
In view of the rejection and indication of allowability, claim 6 has been cancelled, and the subject matter of cancelled claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 1. Also, dependency of claim 7 has been amended, and claim 8 has been amended to independent form.

It is, therefore, believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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